



## Welcome, Commercial Code Rangers!

In September 2008, the Code Compliance division of Community Services provided a special Commercial Code Ranger training class for the North Arlington Business Council (NABC). The class was customized for members of the business community with a focus on increasing code compliance within commercially zoned areas. A total of twenty Commercial Code Rangers have been added to our team of 296 Code Rangers, bringing the total to 316. ***Together we are working to make Arlington better.***



## Protect Our Waterways



The Community Services Department is working in partnership with several City departments and Code Rangers in getting the word out to the community about the negative effects of yard waste being swept or blown into the public right-of-way. It is a violation of City Ordinance to sweep or blow grass clippings and/or leaves into the street.



Sweeping or blowing grass clippings or leaves into the street is a violation.

***Don't Do It!***



Yard waste deposited into the street can work its way into the storm drains causing a build up that can be harmful to aquatic life living in our local lakes and streams. Help protect our environment by participating in this educational outreach by informing the community and reporting violators blowing or sweeping grass clippings or leaves into the street or public right-of-way by calling **817-459-6777**. Visit the City of Arlington web site for more information at <http://www.arlingtontx.gov/environment/>.

### Duplex Inspection Program Update



Property owners of approximately 3,800 duplexes citywide have been sent invoices and property inspections are underway. Non-owner occupied duplexes will receive annual property inspections (APIs) similar to the multi-family inspection program. Each property is graded and those receiving a failing grade will receive a more thorough interior inspection. Watch the Team PRIDE neighbor list grow by [clicking here](#).

### Code Ranger Recruitment

Please help the Code Ranger team grow. If you know of anyone possibly interested in becoming a Code Ranger share this newsletter and have them contact Field Operations Manager, Michael Thomas at [Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov).

### The next Code Ranger training class will be held in December 2008

For more information, and to register to attend an upcoming class contact Field Operations Manager, Michael Thomas at [Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov), or by telephone at 817-459-6777.

***Become a Code Ranger and help in the effort to make neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive.***



### Program Progress:

**As of November 30, 2008:**

- **296** Code Rangers; plus
- **20** Commercial Code Rangers (=316 total)
- **9,458** Complaints received
- **10,053** Violations reported

***The Code Ranger Reporter is now a quarterly publication. Provide comments and feedback [here](#).***

## Code Corner **Featured Violation of the Quarter**



Fence Violations



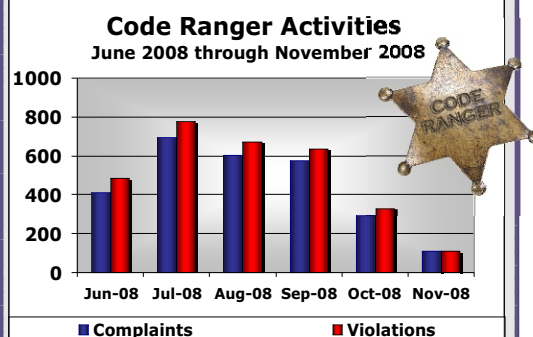
## Dilapidated Fences

A fence violation is present if the fence is in a deteriorated condition and/or missing structural components. Pool fences must be in especially good repair with no gaps greater than four inches in width or they present a condition that is a life-safety concern. Amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance have strengthened enforcement action helping to improve the appearance of neighborhoods.

Ordinance with information pertaining to residential fence violations:

[\(Click here to read Nuisance Ord. No. 07-045\)](#)

## Code Ranger Activities



**Good job, Code Rangers!**

## The New South Police Service Center is Open

On Saturday, the 25th of October, the City of Arlington celebrated the grand opening of the South Police Service Center. The new location in South Arlington will compliment the North, East and West Arlington Police Service Centers and help increase efficiency in the geographic deployment of city staff. Community Services, in strong partnership with Arlington Police Department shares space in this new facility. We are working together to make people feel safe anywhere, all the time.



### Location:

**1030 S. W. Green Oaks Boulevard**

Police Front Desk:  
817-459-6640

Community Services  
Code Compliance  
South Field Operations  
Manager: Neal Lucas  
817-459-5342

## Vacant Structure Initiative Update

At this time benchmarking is complete and approximately 1,200 vacant structures have been identified in the City of Arlington. This initiative continues to develop along with a new software system which will allow for online registration and payment.

## Reinvigorating Neighborhoods

Autumn leaves are falling and violations such as high grass have slowed down, as typically do reports of code violations this time of year. Issues such as unclean premises, parking in the yard and other violations are still occurring and we count on your partnership to help with reinvigorating neighborhoods. When reporting violations, provide the address of the property by e-mailing [Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Michael.Thomas@arlingtontx.gov) or by calling 817-459-6777. **Your teamwork is appreciated.**

## Leaf Recycling is Underway

**November 14, 2008  
Through  
February 28, 2009**

Bagged leaves may be recycled by taking them to one of four collection sites, free of charge. [Click here for locations.](#)

**Thank you!**



## Tips To Use

To Help Improve Response Time...

Provide the exact address of the property you are reporting. If you are unable to supply the full address, providing the block number along with whether the street is an avenue, trail, court, circle, etc. is extremely helpful. [Click here](#) to report violations.

**Thank you for your partnership.**